

Child and Adolescent Mental Health
**TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT**



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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT – MEETING 16th June 2004

1. ACTIVITIES:

1.1. National CAMHS Support Services

Spent the day with Paul Jackman (South East Regional Development Worker) and Fiona Gale (National Lead for CPMHW) to discuss training of Primary Mental Health Worker for Children as well as how the project can link to broader initiatives for CAMHS. Paul and I will be working on how the project fits into broader CAMHS strategy. They feel the project has a lot to contribute to broader forums at a regional and national level e.g. in terms of the work already done on capabilities. We have been linked in with the development of the National Competency Framework for CPMHW.

1.2. Children's Primary Mental Health Workers (CPMHW):

From the above meeting with Fiona Gale certain decisions emerged about the training of Primary Mental Health Worker for Children. If Southampton keeps the tender on the training they will have to do it in a collaborative fashion with the HEIs in Kent. If it does not they will use the project to find other options for delivering the training in Kent i.e. find a local HEI to deliver. Fiona has agreed to collaborate on a day's workshop/conference around CPMHW role/definitions/practice. We will need to be clear who needs to be included and what it needs to cover. There is a possibility of funding for this day.

1.3. Maidstone Multi-Agency Interface Project:

Ran a workshop with representatives from the PCT, the management of Gatland House, the family centre, family liaison officers and education to look at how they could work together. There were several very positive outcomes for collaborative working within and across the sectors. (If people would like a copy of the report from this workshop you can e-mail Alex).

1.4. Specialist CAMHS Teams Training and Development:

I have begun consulting on ideas about the way forward in terms of T&D for the Specialist CAMHS Teams and their links with Tier 1 and 2. A Team manager and myself presented ideas for the way forward with the East Kent Specialist CAMHS Team managers. This has been well received and Kent University is going to pilot some training with the teams. The team in Thanet is hosting a conference in November for frontline workers as part of their development of Tier 1 services. They have asked me to chair the day.

1.5. Higher Education Institutions:

The HEI consultation document is complete and is being distributed for consultation. I would appreciate feedback from the group as only 3 members gave me feedback at the last meeting (I have attached the executive summary and consultation brief the full document was sent for the last meeting. If you do not have it please contact Alex).

1.6. Development of the Capabilities Documents:

The development of the capabilities for the 0-3 years, 3-5 year; and 6-12 years are in the final stages and will soon go out for broader consultation.

1.7. Looked After Children's (LAC) Mental Health Workers

I have spent time with 2 of the Mental Health Workers for LAC. From this I am helping the West Kent person evaluate a three-day training programme for foster carers. I am hoping to link these workers up with each other and with the broader PMHW group. There are several PMHWs in the field who are not linked to other PMHW and it would be important to begin to link these people.

1.8. Caldecott Centre:

Offer a (post) graduate diploma in The Care and Development of Children and Young People. They are going to become a satellite centre for the Tavistock and will be offering a variety of child and adolescent training modules. Andrew Collie (Caldecott) and Andrew Cooper (Tavistock) are keen to explore possibilities for collaborative work with the project. The Family Therapy group in Kent are keen for us to explore a similar collaboration for Family Therapy. It would be useful to have someone from the committee to help me think about this.

2. ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY:

The project seems to be settling into an implementation phase. I think that as we have become clearer about the project scope and have developed certain strands of the project it has gained more acceptance from the different sectors. This needs to be built on and consolidated. The projects making up the larger project need to reflect its broader aim. I am meeting with 2 reps from Medway to ensure the project's presence in that area. At this point I have 14 sub-projects on the go.

3. OTHER ISSUES:

New Members to the Steering Group:

Angela Graham (Head of Policy and Standards) and Trisha McCaffrey (Acting Principal Educational Psychologist for Kent) have requested to sit on the steering committee.

4. ISSUES REQUIRING INPUT FROM STEERING COMMITTEE:

- 4.1. Feedback on actions from Common Understanding Day (update from those not there and new developments)
- 4.2. The HEI document – feedback
- 4.3. Communication Strategy – names of chairs of district planning forums
- 4.4. CPMHW Meeting: There is a meeting to further develop the competencies framework and then there is the meeting for the HEI Providers afterwards. It would be useful if an HEI person could attend on behalf of the group. The meeting is at the Great Northern Hotel in Peterborough 5th July at 11.30 am.
- 4.5. CPMHW Conference: what would be useful to be covered and who should attend?

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